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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the January 2009 Sheep and Goat Report. Sheep and Lamb Inventory and Lamb Crop are reported for selected states and the U.S.

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Sincerely,

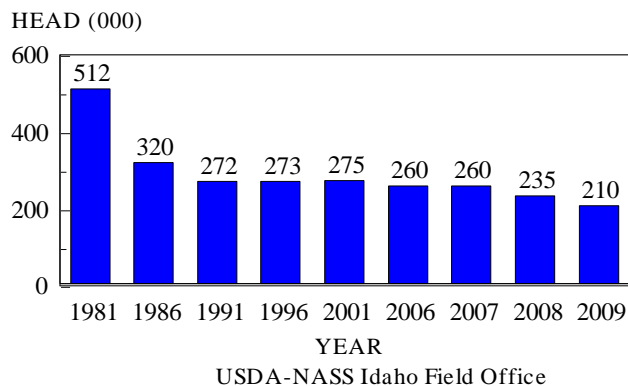
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Idaho Sheep Inventory Down 11 Percent

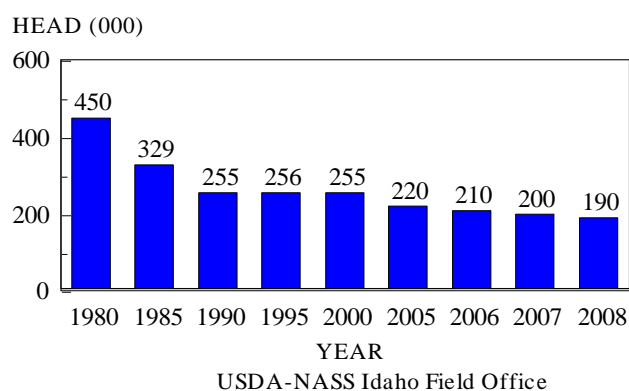
All sheep and lamb inventory in Idaho on January 1, 2009, totaled 210,000 head, down 25,000 head from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2009, totaled 178,000 head. Breeding ewes one year old and older totaled 148,000 head, down 14,000 head from January 1, 2008. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2009 totaled 32,000 head. The 2008 lamb crop of 190,000 head was down 10,000 head from 2007.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 5.75 million head, down 3 percent from 2008. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.25 million head on January 1, 2009, down 4 percent from 4.43 million head on January 1, 2008. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.40 million head, were 4 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2009, totaled 1.50 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2008. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-three percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 11 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 21 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 39 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings. The 2008 lamb crop of 3.71 million head, was down 5 percent from 2007. The 2008 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2008, down 3 percent from 2007.

IDAHO SHEEP & LAMB INVENTORY
JANUARY 1, 1981-2009



IDAHO LAMB CROP
1980 - 2008



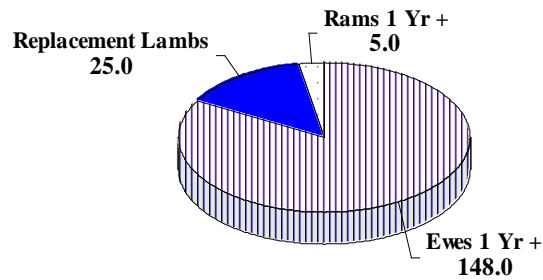
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IDAHO BREEDING SHEEP AND LAMBS

JANUARY 1, 2009

Number of Head (000)

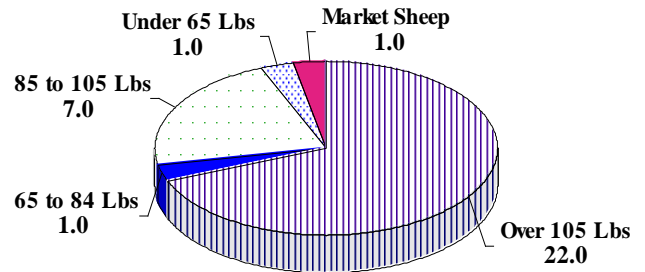


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IDAHO MARKET SHEEP AND LAMBS

JANUARY 1, 2009

Number of Head (000)



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Sheep and Lambs: Inventory by Class, January 1, 2008-2009

State	Total Sheep		Market Sheep and Lambs		Breeding Sheep and Lambs						Lamb Crop 1/	
					Total		Ewes 1+		Replacement Lambs			
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2007	2008
	1,000 Head											
Arizona	155.0	150.0	65.0	60.0	90.0	90.0	76.0	75.0	8.0	9.0	50.0	47.0
California	620.0	660.0	280.0	315.0	340.0	345.0	285.0	290.0	45.0	45.0	240.0	230.0
Colorado	420.0	410.0	210.0	205.0	210.0	205.0	170.0	165.0	34.0	34.0	210.0	210.0
Idaho	235.0	210.0	38.0	32.0	197.0	178.0	162.0	148.0	30.0	25.0	200.0	190.0
Montana	270.0	255.0	25.0	25.0	245.0	230.0	190.0	180.0	48.0	43.0	255.0	235.0
Nevada	70.0	67.0	11.0	10.0	59.0	57.0	46.0	44.0	11.0	11.0	43.0	42.0
New Mexico	130.0	120.0	18.0	17.0	112.0	103.0	89.0	83.0	17.0	15.0	74.0	65.0
Oregon	220.0	220.0	71.0	70.0	149.0	150.0	120.0	121.0	22.0	22.0	153.0	157.0
Texas	960.0	870.0	230.0	210.0	730.0	660.0	590.0	520.0	100.0	100.0	425.0	360.0
Utah	280.0	290.0	30.0	30.0	250.0	260.0	210.0	220.0	32.0	31.0	225.0	230.0
Washington	52.0	53.0	8.0	10.0	44.0	43.0	36.0	35.0	6.0	6.0	54.0	53.0
Wyoming	425.0	420.0	95.0	95.0	330.0	325.0	260.0	260.0	61.0	55.0	270.0	260.0
U.S.	5,950.0	5,747.0	1,518.5	1,500.0	4,431.5	4,247.0	3,540.0	3,403.5	697.0	648.5	3,895.0	3,710.0

1/Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

Idaho Sheep Industry Suffers \$3.50 Million Death And Theft Loss

Idaho sheep producers lost an estimated 26,000 head of sheep and lambs from all causes, valued at \$3.50 million, in 2008. This is a decrease from sheep and lambs lost last year, at 34,000 head valued at \$4.66 million.

Predator losses at 40.8 percent, accounted for 10,600 losses worth a value of \$1.43 million. Coyotes did the most predator damage, at 7,000 head of sheep and lambs. Losses from coyotes alone were valued at \$942,000. Dogs claimed 400 head of sheep and lambs valued at \$54,000 while bears claimed 400 head valued at \$54,000. Wolves claimed 700 head of sheep and lambs, valued at \$94,000. Cougars killed 500 head, valued at \$67,000. Losses from other and unknown predators, including bobcats and eagles, accounted for an additional 1,500 head of sheep and lambs.

Non-predator losses accounted for 15,400 losses worth a value of \$2.07 million. Disease claimed 4,700 sheep and lambs in 2008 valued at \$632,000. Lambing complications claimed 1,900; weather killed 2,600 head; old age killed 1,200 and poison killed 200 head. Other causes such as accidents, fire, starvation and dehydration caused an additional 700 sheep and lamb deaths during 2008 while unknown causes claimed 4,000 head of sheep and lambs valued at \$538,000.

All Sheep and Lambs: Death Loss By Cause, Idaho, 2006-2008 ^{1/}

Cause of Loss	Head			Percent of Total Losses ^{2/}			Value ^{3/ 4/ 5/}		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
<i>1,000 Dollars</i>									
Coyote	4,900	7,200	7,000	15.3	21.2	26.9	708	986	942
Dog	600	600	400	1.9	1.8	1.5	87	82	54
Bear	600	700	400	1.9	2.1	1.5	87	96	54
Wolves	600	500	700	1.9	1.5	2.7	87	69	94
Cougar	400	400	500	1.3	1.2	1.9	58	55	67
Fox	200	100	0	0.6	0.3	0.0	29	14	0
Other Animals ^{6/}	100	200	100	0.3	0.6	0.4	14	27	13
Unknown Predators	700	1,500	1,500	2.2	4.4	5.8	101	206	202
Total Predators	8,100	11,200	10,600	25.3	32.9	40.8	1,171	1,535	1,426
Weather Conditions	3,300	3,000	2,600	10.3	8.8	10.0	477	411	350
Disease	5,700	6,400	4,700	17.8	18.8	18.1	824	877	632
Poison	900	800	200	2.8	2.4	0.8	130	110	27
Lambing Complications	5,300	4,500	1,900	16.6	13.2	7.3	766	617	256
Old Age	1,700	1,600	1,200	5.3	4.7	4.6	246	219	161
Theft	1,400	200	100	4.4	0.6	0.4	202	27	13
On Back	100	100	0	0.3	0.3	0.0	14	14	0
Other Causes ^{7/}	1,500	1,400	700	4.7	4.1	2.7	217	192	94
Unknown Causes ^{8/}	4,000	4,800	4,000	12.5	14.1	15.4	578	658	538
TOTAL	32,000	34,000	26,000	100.0	100.0	100.0	4,625	4,660	3,497

1/ Includes lamb deaths before docking of 13,000 in 2006, 13,000 in 2007, and 10,000 in 2008. 2/ Percentages may not add due to rounding. 3/ Based on average of beginning year and end of year value of head: 2006 - \$144.50, 2007 - \$137.00, and 2008 - \$134.50. 4/ Rounded to nearest 1,000 dollars, 5/ Dollar values were rounded to add to total. 6/ Includes bobcats and eagles. 7/ Includes accidents, fire, starvation, dehydration, etc. 8/ Exact cause of death unidentifiable. May include some predator loss.

Sheep and Lambs: Death Loss By Cause, Idaho 2006-2008

Cause of Loss	Sheep						All Lambs ^{1/}					
	Head			Percent of Total Losses ^{2/}			Head			Percent of Total Losses ^{2/}		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
Coyote	1,000	1,800	1,400	11.1	20.0	20.0	3,900	5,400	5,600	17.0	21.6	29.5
Dog	200	200	100	2.2	2.2	1.4	400	400	300	1.7	1.6	1.6
Bear	200	300	200	2.2	3.3	2.9	400	400	200	1.7	1.6	1.1
Wolves	300	100	300	3.3	1.1	4.3	300	400	400	1.3	1.6	2.1
Cougar	100	100	200	1.1	1.1	2.9	300	300	300	1.3	1.2	1.6
Fox	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	200	100	0	0.9	0.4	0.0
Other Animals ^{3/}	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	200	100	0.4	0.8	0.5
Unknown Predators	200	300	300	2.2	3.3	4.3	500	1,200	1,200	2.2	4.8	6.3
Total Predators	2,000	2,800	2,500	22.2	31.1	35.7	6,100	8,400	8,100	26.5	33.6	42.6
Weather Conditions	300	100	300	3.3	1.1	4.3	3,000	2,900	2,300	13.0	11.6	12.1
Disease	1,300	1,000	900	14.4	11.1	12.9	4,400	5,400	3,800	19.1	21.6	20.0
Poison	300	300	100	3.3	3.3	1.4	600	500	100	2.6	2.0	0.5
Lambing Complications	900	1,500	800	10.0	16.7	11.4	4,400	3,000	1,100	19.1	12.0	5.8
Old Age	1,700	1,600	1,200	18.9	17.8	17.1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Theft	800	200	0	8.9	2.2	0.0	600	0	100	2.6	0.0	0.5
On Back	100	100	0	1.1	1.1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Causes ^{4/}	400	100	100	4.4	1.1	1.4	1,100	1,300	600	4.8	5.2	3.2
Unknown Causes ^{5/}	1,200	1,300	1,100	13.3	14.4	15.7	2,800	3,500	2,900	12.2	14.0	15.3
TOTAL	9,000	9,000	7,000	100.0	100.0	100.0	23,000	25,000	19,000	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Includes lamb deaths before docking of 13,000 in 2006, 13,000 in 2007, and 10,000 in 2008. 2/ Percentages may not add due to rounding. 3/ Includes bobcats and eagles. 4/ Includes accidents, fire, starvation, dehydration, etc. 5/ Exact cause of death unidentifiable. May include some predator loss.

Idaho Meat Goat Inventory Unchanged From Previous Year

Idaho meat goat inventory on January 1, 2009 was 12,000 head, unchanged from a year ago. Milk goats totaled 2,500 head, down 500 head from the previous year.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 3.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.54 million head down 2 percent from 2008. All market goats and kids totaled 528,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2009 meat and all other goats totaled 2.55 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. Milk goat inventory increased 4 percent to 335,000 head while angora goats were down 10 percent totaling 185,000 head. The 2008 kid crop totaled 1.96 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2007.